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EDITORIAL.

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THE University of Pennsylvania has undertaken to sustain original scientific research in a more comprehensive and thorough way than heretofore. In biology, the biological school permits of opportunities in this direction, of which especial advantage is being taken in the departments of embryology and botany, and with valuable results. The department of psychophysics is also in active operation, and is under able management. More recently a department of archeology and paleontology has been established, and considerable space for the exhibition of the objects of research of the department have been provided in the rear library building. Valuable collections will soon be placed in these exhibition halls, selected from the best private collections in Philadelphia, and other collections are now being acquired by the University. The progress made in this direction is gratifying to the friends of Natural Science, and to the friends of the University, and is one of the many indications of vigorous vitality which this, the oldest University in the United States, now exhibits. It is to be hoped that these important departures will be well sustained from the material side, as they are sure to be on the part of the numerous able men who have been employed to conduct their work.

—THE numbers of the *AMERICAN NATURALIST* for 1889 were issued at the following dates: January, March 1st, 1889; February, May 31st; March, June 28th; April, August 15th; May, September 28th; June, December 1st; July, November 18th; August, January 5th, 1890; September, February 4th; October, March 13th; November, May 10th; December, July 19th. The delays in the issues as above recorded were entirely involuntary on the part of the proprietor and editors, and they owe their publication to the enterprise of the present publishers, whose connection with the *NATURALIST* commenced nominally with the year 1890. It was also owing to the failure of the former publishers to submit proof to the editors, that one hundred pages are skipped between the numbers for March and April, and the paging is duplicated in the numbers for February and March.